(b) what are the details of the representation given to the persons belonging to SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The requisite information in respect of the Central Electricity Authority is contained in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 160].

इलाहाबाद जिले में गांवों में टेलीफोन

2931. **श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1988-89 वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जिले के कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी गई;

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करा दिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धन राशि उपलब्ध करायी गई है अथवा आवंटित की गई है?

संचार **मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो)**: (क) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान इलाहाबाद जिले के दो गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान कर दी गई हैं।

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान चार और गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिए अलग से कोई राशि आवंटित नहीं की जाती। इन कार्यों पर होने वाला खर्च समिति को दिए गए एक मुश्त अनुदान से पूरा किया जाता है।

Measures to accord safety in mines

2932. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has decided to take up several measures to accord greater priority to safety in mines;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the steps will provide cent per cent safety in coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The safety situation in the coal mines is constantly reviewed by the Safety Board of Coal India Limited. In addition, Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines, under the Chairmanship of Energy Minister, comprising of representatives of the Central Trade Unions, the coal companies and the Directorate General of Mines Safety, regularly monitors the safety situation in the coal mines and advises on the long/short term measures necessary to reduce hazards connected with the coal mining operations.

(b) and (c) The following areas have been identified for special attention:—

(i) re-introduction of Coal Cutting Machines and elimination of solid blasting as far as possible,

(ii) staggering of shifts of loaders and preparation of 1½ times the number of faces to minimise the risks involved in collection of coal from freshly exposed faces,

(iii) creation of multi-skilled crew,

(iv) introduction of and adherence to support plans in underground mines,

(v) improvement of travelling roadways,

(vi) fitting of HEMM, specially the Dumpers, with Audio-Visual Alarms for safe reversal of vehicles,

(vii) conducting seminars/special training programmes on safety to inculcate awareness among miners. These measures are expected to